## What is claimed is:

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**1.** A method of treating water comprising the steps of:

exposing water desired to be treated to ozone in sufficient quantity to reduce a concentration of undesired microorganisms therein;

flowing the water over a colony of attached algae to remove undesired matter therefrom;

stopping the water flow;

harvesting the algal colony, leaving a colony base;

adding a pesticide to the colony base to detoxify the colony base;

permitting the pesticide to achieve substantial detoxification; and

detoxifying the pesticide.